

## **Franklin County Commissioners' General Session Agenda for 04/16/13**

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners holds its General Session meetings every Tuesday at 9:00am in the Franklin County Government Center at 373 South High Street, 26th Floor. Highlighted below are some of the resolutions/contracts scheduled for consideration at the upcoming meeting:

### **COMMISSIONERS MAKE TARGETED INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY SAFETY**

#### **Removing barriers to employment for parents by ensuring access to safe childcare options**

For parents and caregivers, finding quality and affordable child care can be a difficult decision and in some cases, can become an obstacle to employment. Recognizing that a growing number of Franklin County families have all parents working outside of the home, on Tuesday, Franklin County Commissioners will consider a resolution in the amount of \$37,918.23 with Action for Children which seeks to ensure access to safe childcare options for low-income, working families in our community.

The Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services (FCDJFS) is mandated by the state of Ohio to certify Type B Home Child Care Providers. As a result, FCDJFS will partner with Action for Children -- a private, not-for-profit organization which has served the Central Ohio community for over 40 years-- to provide 350 child care providers with 18 hours of training on topics related to child abuse prevention, health and safety, child growth and development and training on detecting and preventing the spread of disease.

#### **Partnership ensures safe and clean downtown**

Each day, thousands of visitors come to the Franklin County Government Complex downtown to pay their taxes, resolve legal matters, to obtain a marriage license and simply to conduct business. Important walk-in service to residents is also provided at Memorial Hall (280 E. Broad St.) by the Franklin County Office on Aging, Sanitary Engineering Department and County Board of Elections. In partnership with the Discovery Special Improvement District and Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District, Franklin County strives to keep those places of business safe and clean for visitors and the employees who work there.

On Tuesday, April 16, County Commissioners will consider a non-general fund transfer of appropriations to support the activities of these two Special Improvement Districts (SIDs) whose service areas include the Downtown community in which the Franklin County Courthouse and Memorial Hall are located. Commissioners are expected to enter into contracts for services provided by the SIDs during their April 23 General Session meeting.

As a result of last year's partnership, the Discover SID logged more than 12,000 hours of ambassador services, 6,700 hours of special duty police services including 130 arrests, and outreach services connecting 90 people to social services and 25 people to housing, making Downtown a great place to live, work and visit.

#### **Commissioners urge the Ohio General Assembly to support Medicaid expansion in Ohio**

On Tuesday, Franklin County Commissioners are expected to approve a resolution which supports Medicaid expansion, made possible by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) that will benefit thousands of Ohioans who are currently uninsured and will have a positive impact on Ohio's economy. The expansion, included in the Governor's proposed budget, would extend access to healthcare to an additional 275,000 low-income Ohioans. In Franklin County, over 40,000 uninsured residents, ages 19-64, are projected to be covered due to the expansion. 100-percent of the expansion will be covered by the federal government during the first 3-years, with an average of 95-percent of the expansion costs picked up by the federal government between 2014 and 2019.

**Continued commitment to environmental sustainability highlighted near Earth Day**

As Earth Day (April 22) approaches, Franklin County Commissioners will consider two resolutions which recycle obsolete County-owned property and IT equipment. Franklin County's Public Facilities Management, an agency of the Board of Commissioners, partners with eligible non-profits and vendors to dispose of equipment which are non-functional or too outdated to be remarketed such as office chairs, desks, cubicle work stations and IT equipment to dispose of them in compliance with the County's zero-landfill policy.

For the full General Session Agenda, visit:

<http://crms.franklincountyohio.gov/RMSWeb/pdfs/Agendas/CurrentAgenda.pdf>

**Commissioners' Weekly Agenda 04/14/13 to 04/20/13****Recognizing Local State Champions (Tuesday, April 16 at 9 am)**

As they have done for the last several seasons, the Commissioners will honor local high school athletes who have recently won state championships during the winter sports season on Tuesday during General Session.

**Commissioners serve-up tasty dishes at Celebrity Chef event (Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm)**

Franklin County Commissioners John O'Grady and Paula Brooks will both be serving up great food – including samplings from Café Del Mundo -- at their tables during next week's Capital Area Humane Society's Celebrity Chef event. The event is held at the Franklin County-owned Huntington Park, home of the Columbus Clippers and proceeds benefit the Capital Area Humane Society.

**County-wide E-Waste recycling event at Huntington Park (Saturday, April 20 at 9 am)**

For the first time ever, Franklin County Commissioners are joining forces with Goodwill Columbus, the Columbus Clippers, 10TV and the Dispatch to help Central Ohio residents recycle their unwanted e-waste during a county-wide recycling event on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon at Huntington Park.

Residents can be assured that items collected during this event adhere to Responsible Recycling, or "R2" standards, which guarantee the destruction of sensitive data stored on donated electronic items; the safe handling of materials such as mercury and lead; assurance that donated materials will not end up in landfills; and that recycled materials are handled in a way that is safe to workers.

For more info and a complete list of items being accepted, visit [www.franklincountyohio.gov/ewaste](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/ewaste).

**Commissioners lend their voice and speak out against family violence (Saturday, April 20 at 7pm)**

Commissioners John O'Grady and Marilyn Brown will attend Evening of Hope beginning at 7 pm at Bon Vie Bistro and Wine Bar at Easton Town Center to support the work of Nationwide Children's Hospital's Center for Family Safety and Healing to end family violence in our community. Since its inception, the event has raised more than two million dollars proving that our community believes in the hope that every child will have a life free of violence. Commissioner O'Grady serves on the host committee for this year's event and will join the other event sponsors to speak out against family violence during the reception. Commissioner Marilyn Brown serves on the Board of Directors for the Center for Family Safety and Healing.

For the Weekly Agenda of Official Commissioner Events, visit:

<http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/public-meetings/>

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